



# Cityscene

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## Project NEWS

### City Council, Planning Commission Discuss Future of Paul VI School Site October 3

The City Council has scheduled a joint discussion with the Planning Commission at the October 3 work session on the redevelopment application by IDI Group Companies for the Paul VI High School property at 10675 Fairfax Boulevard. Information: 703-385-7935.

The proposal, totaling about 18.5 acres, includes the entire school property, as well as two adjacent single family lots, all of which are owned by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington.

The developer proposes 555 residential dwelling units in a combination of townhouses, condominiums, and apartments, as well as 10,000 square feet of commercial space. The developer also proposes to retain 24,000 square feet of the existing school building for commercial, community space, or other use. Information: [www.idigroup.com/project/paul-vi-redevelopment](http://www.idigroup.com/project/paul-vi-redevelopment).

The application, which includes a rezoning, special use permit, and *Comprehensive Plan* amendment, would require the approval of City Council. The application is currently under review by city staff.

Future public hearings will be held by both the Planning Commission and City Council as a part of the application's formal consideration. Information: 703-385-7930.

## Fall Festival Set for October 14

The Fall Festival is bursting at the seams with fun and music. The annual festival is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 14 in Old Town Fairfax. *(There is no rain date.)*

But the fun won't stop there: *My Hero Zero* will perform from 5:30-8:30 p.m. October 14 in Old Town Square, and children's amusement rides will stay open until 8 p.m. that evening.

This year, Fall for the Book comes to the Fall Festival. During the Fall for the Book Festival's "Community Day" October 14, children and tweens can enjoy a variety of interactive events and meet a bevy of authors from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Old Town Hall. Find the full Fall for the Book schedule, including "Community Day" events, at [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org).



The Fall Festival features more than 400 fine artisans, three stages of entertainment, amusement rides, beer gardens, food, and more lining the historic streets. At the festival, juried fine artisans will sell handmade wares such as jewelry, ceramics, toys, woodcrafts, needlework, and more. Entertainment and activities are planned for festival-goers of all ages.

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## Jennifer E. Passey Elected to City Council



City voters elected Jennifer E. Passey to the City of Fairfax City Council in the September 12 Special Election. She was officially sworn in on September 15, after the special election results were certified.

Passey fills a vacancy created when then-Councilmember David Meyer was elected Mayor in the February 7 Special Election. The City Council appointed Daniel F. Drummond to fill the vacancy until the September 12 Special Election.

Passey, a city resident since 2010, has served on the city's Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She also served on the Country Club Hills Civic Association.

The Mayor and all City Councilmembers, including Passey, share the term ending June 30, 2018.

If you're new to the city, welcome!

Call 703-385-7800

for new resident information.



# City NEWS AND Notes

## Fairfax Resolution 2017: Get to Know Elected Officials



In October, live life connected in the City of Fairfax by becoming familiar with your local elected officials.

City registered voters elect many representatives that serve the city, including the Mayor, City Council, and School Board. For information on meetings of these bodies, click on *City Meetings* on the city website home page, and see page 5.

Voters also elect Constitutional Officers: Commissioner of the Revenue and Treasurer, who serve the city exclusively; and the Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Clerk of the Court, who also serve Fairfax County's citizens. A complete list of elected officials is available on the city website (under "About Us," click on *Elected Officials*).

Follow Fairfax Resolution in 2017 to (re)discover a city service or treasure every month. Information: 703-385-7855.

## Senior Drivers Invited to CarFit October 23



The City of Fairfax Police Department will help senior drivers adjust their cars to "fit" them at a special CarFit event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 23 at the City of Fairfax Police Station, 3730 Old Lee Highway. Service is provided by appointment only: 703-273-2889; [Shawn.Sutherland@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Shawn.Sutherland@fairfaxva.gov).

CarFit's trained professionals take older drivers through a 12-point checklist with their vehicles and recommend minor adjustments that help make their cars "fit" better for comfort and safety. An occupational therapist also will be on hand to provide information to seniors on how to maintain and strengthen driving health.

## Police Accept OTC Drugs, Prescription Medicine October 28

Participate in Drug Take Back Day by bringing unwanted or expired prescription

and over-the-counter drugs to the City of Fairfax Police Station on October 28.

Pills, ointments, and liquids in sealed containers (no needles or syringes) will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 28 in the police station lobby, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Drop-off is anonymous; no identification or prescription information is required. Information: 703-385-7829.

Since the twice-yearly take back program launched in October 2011, the city has collected 3,167 pounds of expired or unused medication.

## City Begins Dog Park Design

The City of Fairfax has begun the process of designing a dog park at the former Westmore School site, 11000 Berry Street.

A portion of this 10-acre site, currently used as open space, fits the criteria of a dog park: a park area for dogs to exercise and play off-leash (under owner supervision) in a controlled environment. The original concept calls for a 10,000-square-foot dog park, and the city has approved \$25,000 for its design and construction.

The city has identified two possible locations on the Westmore site. The design will examine both locations to determine which is best suited for the dog park.

The design will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Board of Architectural Review, and the City Council. Because this project requires a special use permit, the City Council will hold a public work session and a public hearing on the project.

The design and review process can take up to nine months. Public outreach will be ongoing throughout the process, and the public is encouraged to review and comment on the project. Information: [ParksRec@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:ParksRec@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7858.

## Year of Safety: Teen Driver Safety Tips

Drivers licenses can be a rite of passage for teen drivers, but with opportunity comes responsibility. Here are some tips to help young drivers stay safe. Information: 703-273-2889.



Keep distractions to a minimum while behind the wheel: no eating or drinking, and consider turning off the phone, or silencing it and storing it out of reach. Drive with an experienced adult driver, and keep passengers to a minimum.

Choose a vehicle with a good safety rating, and make sure the car is functioning properly, including the headlights, turn signals, emergency lights, brakes, and engine.

## Fall for the Book October 11-14



Dozens of author- and book-related events in the City of Fairfax, George Mason University, and throughout the region

Complete schedule  
and information:  
[www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org),  
703-993-3986



# City, Public Review Potential Changes to Zoning, Subdivision Ordinances

The City of Fairfax community is invited to review and provide feedback on draft amendments to the City of Fairfax Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Information: 703-385-7820.

These draft amendments also are being reviewed by the City Council and Planning Commission, and public hearings on these proposed text amendments are being scheduled this autumn. Please check upcoming meeting agendas for specific dates. Click on *City Meetings* on the city website home page for City Council and Planning Commission meeting agendas.

Community members are encouraged to review the drafts, which are available in

City Hall Annex Room 207 and on the city website (under the "Government" tab, click on *Community Development & Planning*). Please provide input via email to [brooke.hardin@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:brooke.hardin@fairfaxva.gov) or call 703-385-7821.

The Zoning Ordinance includes the city's land development regulations (for example, permitted uses by zoning district and standards for lot size, building height, and required yard and setback provisions). The Subdivision Ordinance regulates the process for dividing or consolidating land into lots.

The city implemented new zoning and subdivision ordinances on October 1, 2016. The proposed amendments are part of the regular review and maintenance of the ordinances.

## Open House on 2035 Comprehensive Plan Actions, Draft Multimodal Transportation Plan October 19

The city seeks public input on draft actions and metrics proposed for the *2035 Comprehensive Plan*, and on the draft *Multimodal Transportation Plan*. The public is invited to share their ideas at an open house from 6-8 p.m. October 19 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-385-7930.

The *2035 Comprehensive Plan* is the city's official policy guide for future development-related decisions. It is general and long-range in nature and provides a picture of how the community wishes to develop during the next 15-20 years. As a policy document, the plan provides a framework for residents and decision makers to conceptualize how the

city should look and function, as well as the best methods and strategies for achieving those goals. Information: [www.fairfaxva.gov/livablefairfax](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/livablefairfax), 703-385-7930.

This is the city's first comprehensive *Multimodal Transportation Plan*, which is intended to develop and implement strategies to improve the operation and safety of the city's transportation system for a vital, vibrant, and livable city. This draft has incorporated community input received on the previous draft last autumn. The *Multimodal Transportation Plan* will be incorporated as a chapter in the *2035 Comprehensive Plan*. Information: 703-385-7889, [www.fairfaxva.gov/transportationprogram](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/transportationprogram).

## All Secondary School Students in Fairfax Are Eligible for Free Bus Passes

Middle school and high school students who live in and attend school in the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County may receive a special pass that allows them to travel for free on CUE Bus and Fairfax Connector.

This program provides free rides on all CUE Bus and Fairfax Connector routes from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The pass is valid for one year. Students show their passes to the drivers when boarding the buses.

At all other times, students must use cash



or a SmarTrip card. (Please note: CUE Bus offers reduced fares of 85¢ for primary and secondary school students with a valid CUE Bus ID.)

All secondary students — in public school, private school, and home-schooled — are eligible to obtain passes with parental permission. Students must obtain the application from their school administration. Parents of home-schooled students should contact Fairfax County Public Schools ([taitaliano@fcps.edu](mailto:taitaliano@fcps.edu), 703-446-2000).



## Don't Bag It! Leaf Collection Begins October 30

City neighborhoods will receive curbside leaf collection October 30 through December 29.

The city collects loose leaves at the curb in neighborhoods that receive city refuse/recycling service. *Do not bag them* — bagged leaves will not be collected during this



time because landfills will not accept them as trash.

Light yard debris, such as grass clippings and weeds, may be included in leaf piles — but not stones, branches, and other large items, which may cause injury to workers and damage equipment.

The city is divided into six sections, and leaves are collected in rotation by neighborhood, so *please have all leaves at the curb by December 22* for prompt collection. Crews circulate through neighborhoods at least once every two weeks, often more frequently. Heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection.

The city is among the few local jurisdictions to provide this service at no additional charge to its residents.

## Cemetery Maintenance Begins October 17; Please Remove Sentimental Items

Crews will conduct seasonal cleanup and maintenance of the City Cemetery in October, and friends and family are asked to retrieve sentimental items from the cemetery by October 16. Decorative floral objects and holiday decor will be permitted again beginning November 7. Information: 703-385-7997.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837





## Fall Festival

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Admission to the festival is free, with fees for rides and some children's activities.

Check out the open house at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

In addition to the Fall for the Book Festival's "Community Day," children will have music, magic, a science show, and an amusement park.

The Main Stage and Old Town Square Stage will feature beer gardens and live music.

The Woman's Club of Fairfax will sell its annual ornament (pictured, left) at the festival.



Pick up free, fully accessible shuttles from Fairfax High School (3501 Rebel Run) and George Mason University (4400 University Drive). Shuttle service will be provided from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the festival.

Handicapped parking will be available in the Old Town Village parking garage (3950 University Drive) and at City Hall. Bicycle parking will be available at City Hall.

*Please note: pet owners are discouraged from bringing pets to the festival, for the animals' safety and the safety of individuals attending the festival.*

Information: [www.FairfaxFallFestival.com](http://www.FairfaxFallFestival.com), 703-385-7858.

## Fall Festival Road Closures

The following street closures and traffic detours for the annual Fall Festival will be in effect from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. October 14. Information: 703-385-7924.

**Route 236/Main Street** will be closed between West Street and East Street. Traffic will be detoured to North Street.

**University Drive** will be closed from North Street to Armstrong Street. Traffic will be detoured to Route 123/Chain Bridge Road via North Street.

# Personal Property Tax Payments Due October 5

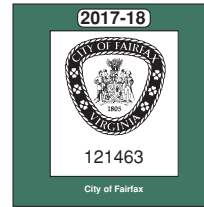
Bills for personal property and motor vehicle license tax are due by October 5. Late payments will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest.

To avoid long lines and delays, promptly check your bill and report changes to the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7880.

No changes? Consider paying online via credit card, by check via mail, or in City Hall drop-boxes.

Bills may be paid in person, by mail, or online (see related article on page 6). If paying in person, please bring the entire bill.

Offices of the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as until 7 p.m. Thursday, October 5.



The 2017 personal property tax rate is \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The Commonwealth will pay 45 percent of the tax for the first \$20,000 of a personal use vehicle assessed value. The tax reduction appears on tax bills as a credit.

Both the personal property and the motor vehicle license tax must be paid to receive the city decal (pictured, above).

Decals will be mailed October 31 and decal enforcement begins November 15. Decals must be displayed on vehicles garaged in the city.

Information: 703-385-7900 (tax payments), 703-385-7880 (personal property tax/assessment information).

## Upcoming Celebrations: Craft Show, New Holiday Market, Lights and Carols, Lunch With Santa

Mark your calendar with these upcoming events. Information: 703-385-7858.

The **Holiday Craft Show** will fill Fairfax High School, 3500 Rebel Run, with hundreds of crafters from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 18 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 19. Admission is \$5 each day for adults or \$8 for a two-day pass (age 18 and younger: free admission). Shuttles will be available from 9:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. November 18 at 10300 Eaton Place.

There's a new market in town this year: the **Fairfax City Holiday Market**. Enjoy open-air holiday shopping in Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, where vendors will be selling foods, unique gifts, and more. The market will be held on the first three Decem-

ber weekends: December 1-3, December 8-10, and December 15-17. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays, and 1-5 p.m. Sundays on these dates.

Ring in the holiday season December 2 at the **Festival of Lights and Carols** in Old Town Fairfax. Activities include a Winter Wonderland and the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree in Old Town Square.

On December 9, youngsters age 10 and younger may **Lunch with Santa Claus** at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Tickets cost \$6 each and go on sale November 1 at the Parks and Recreation Department offices in City Hall, Sherwood Center, and Green Acres Center, and online.

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Equalization (two vacancies for city residents)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (two vacancies for city residents)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy for city resident)

*Applicant interviews are schedule with the City Council once a month on a Tuesday evening.*

*Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year and be a registered voter at their current address. Apply online: from the city home page, click on "Volunteer Opportunities," or click on "City Clerk" in the "Government" section.*

*Vacancies are subject to change. Information 703-385-7935.*



# CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

## Where to Find Cityscreen-12

- Verizon FiOS: Channel 12
- Cox Communications: Channel 12
- City website

## The Fairfax Scene



Through October 22, hear the recollections of long-time city residents through oral histories presented by Historic Fairfax City, Inc.

Beginning October 23, enjoy highlights from the 2017 Fall Festival entertainment.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm

Archived online: "special programming"

Available on city's YouTube channel

## Emergency Preparation



This series presented by the Office of Emergency Management, focuses on many aspects of emergency preparedness.

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled

Archived online: "special programming"

Available on city's YouTube channel

## Encore!

Encore music performances.

Daily: 4 pm

Available on city's YouTube channel



## School Board

 Monday, October 2, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, October 3, 10 am

Thursday, October 5, 10 am, 7 pm

Monday, October 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Tuesday, October 17, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, October 19, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online October 3

## City Council

 Tuesday, October 3, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, October 4, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, October 6, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, October 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, October 8, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online October 4

 Tuesday, October 10, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, October 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, October 13, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, October 14, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, October 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online October 11

 Tuesday, October 24, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, October 25, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, October 27, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, October 28, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, October 29, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online October 25


## Planning Commission

 Monday, October 9, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, October 10, 10 am

Thursday, October 12, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online October 10

 Monday, October 23, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, October 24, 10 am

Thursday, October 26, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online October 24

## Cityscreen-12 on DVD, Blu-ray

Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan on Blu-ray and DVD. Information: 703-385-7850, [WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov).

Copies of some programs may be purchased (DVD, \$15; Blu-ray, \$20).

Excerpts from city programs are made upon request (DVD, \$30; Blu-ray, \$35). Information: [Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7803.

MEETING INFORMATION AND AGENDAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM PRIOR TO MEETING. CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



# PROPOSED AGENDAS

## School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

*October 2 regular meeting*

- Student representative report.
- Update of the Governor's fiscal year 2017-18 budget.
- Presentation and public hearing on the *Five-Year Capital Improvement Program*.

*October 16 work session*

- September 2017 *Membership Report*.
- Strategic Project: Pre-K/Early Childhood Education.
- Legislative Review.

## City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

*October 3 work session*

- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission of the final draft *Multimodal Transportation Plan* and *Comprehensive Plan*.

- Discussion and presentation by NOVA Parks regarding its five-year strategic master plan and possible plan for Gateway Park improvements.
- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission of proposed redevelopment of the Paul VI High School site, 10675 Fairfax Boulevard.
- Discussion of application submissions for future transportation funding.

*October 10 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration of a resolution in support of the Two-Year Transportation Program.
- Consideration of a resolution of support for revenue sharing applications.
- Consideration of a resolution of support for I-66 Inside the Beltway Toll Revenue Application.
- Public hearing and Council action on a resolution of support for proposed Transportation Alternatives Project Submittal.
- Public hearings and Council action on an

appropriation resolution for lease financing of a Fire Department emergency vehicle.

- Public hearing and Council action on a blight determination for a property located at 3404 Country Hill Drive.
- Discussion of a proposed redevelopment of the Davies property located on Chain Bridge Road.

*October 24 regular meeting*

- No agenda items have been set.

## Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

*October 9 regular meeting and work session*

- Discussion of 2035 *Comprehensive Plan*.

*October 23 regular meeting and work session*

- Discussion of 2035 *Comprehensive Plan*.



Summary of City Council meeting actions. For a complete copy, or for the minutes of meetings, call 703-385-7935.

# City Council Reporter

**September 5, 2017**

## Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of the 2018 schedule of road races in accordance with the city policy regarding road closures for races; Consideration of a resolution for the extension of a parking lot lease agreement between the city and The Business Investment Group, LLC, for the lease of approximately 46 parking spaces located at the intersection of Sager Avenue and University Drive; Introduction of an ordinance to affect the financing required for the Fire Station 33 replacement project.

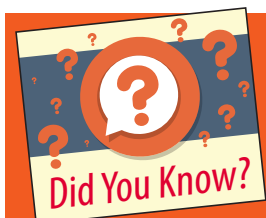
*(Councilmember Greenfield abstained from voting on the second consent agenda item.)*

## Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, a task order in the amount of \$299,109.76 to RJN Group for Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Program (SSES) engineering services.
- Approved, unanimously, a task order in the amount of \$119,378 to RJN Group for Geographic Information System (GIS) updates and hydraulic model development for the city's wastewater system, engineering services.

## Actions out of closed meeting/ Appointments to boards, commissions

- Reappointed: Patricia Addison to the Commission for Women; and Judy Fraser to the Environmental Sustainability Committee.
- Appointed: Deborah Dillard to the Commission on the Arts; Deborah DiFalco to the Fairfax County Domestic and Juvenile Relations Court Citizens Advisory Council; Carl Jennison to the George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board; Andrew Wankum to the Health Systems Agency; and Laura Woody to the Human Services Committee.



## News You Can Use

### November 7 General Election News You Can Use

At the November 7 General Election, city voters will elect the city Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue, as well as the Virginia Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Delegate (37th District).

Voter registration continues through October 16, and the final day to request an absentee ballot be mailed is October 31. More voter information and news is available at [www.fairfaxva.gov/vote](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/vote) and 703-385-7890.

### Find Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Information, and Pay, on Web

Web users can find City of Fairfax real estate and personal property tax information and make payments online at [eservices.fairfaxva.gov/taxes](http://eservices.fairfaxva.gov/taxes) (under the "Online Services" tab on the home page).

Find current tax bills and tax payment records. Real estate tax records are public, but personal property tax information searches

require a Social Security number or Federal Tax ID number.

Make a full or partial tax payment, review your account — or sign up for Fairfax City Alert to receive tax-related notices. Electronic payment can be made via e-check, credit card or PayPal; a convenience fee may be charged by the provider. Information: 703-385-7900.

### Donations Sought for Children's Coats



The City of Fairfax Fire Department has partnered with City of Fairfax Schools Superintendent Phyllis Pajardo and Fairfax City Firefighters Local 2702 as ambassadors in Operation Warm: providing new winter coats for local children living in poverty.

City of Fairfax firefighters will go to each school to help personally fit each child with a new coat.

Financial donations are accepted at [www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity](http://www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity) and Operation Warm, P.O. Box 822431, Phila-

delphia, PA 19182-2431. If paying by check, please write "Local 2702" in the check's memo line.

### City of Fairfax Band Opens New Season October 28

Celebrate the spooky season with the City of Fairfax Band at *Ghoultide Scarols* at 7:30 p.m. October 28 at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run. Cost is \$10 for seniors age 60+, \$15 per adult age 19-59; free for age 18 and younger. Information: [www.fairfaxband.org](http://www.fairfaxband.org).

### Trick or Treat October 30 at Municipal Buildings

Get your trick or treat on with the City of Fairfax. Bring your boos and ghouls to trick or treat in costume between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. October 30 at these municipal buildings: City Hall; Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road; Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway; and the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-7855.



# Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>  Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue 	<b>2</b>  Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>3</b>  Story Times, 10:30 am, Old Town Square  City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>4</b> Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustainability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	<b>5</b>  Personal property tax payments due; Commissioner of the Revenue and Treasurer's Offices open until 7 pm City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>6</b> Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volun- teer Fire Department)	<b>7</b>  Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Old Town Fairfax guided tour, 10 am, Fairfax Court- house Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours, 11 am to 2 pm
<b>Absentee voting for November 7 General Election available from 8:30 am to 5 pm weekdays through November 3 and from 8:30 am to 5 pm Saturday, October 28 and November 4. Information, sample ballot and more: <a href="http://www.fairfaxva.gov/vote">www.fairfaxva.gov/vote</a>, 703-385-7890.</b>						
<b>8</b>  Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Second Sunday: America in World War I, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	<b>9</b> Columbus Day — city government offices open; General District Court closed  Funday Monday, 10:30 am  Planning Commis- sion meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>10</b>  Story Times, 10:30 am, Old Town Square  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex 	<b>11</b> Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Annex Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim League of Women Voters, 7:15 pm, Green Acres Center	<b>12</b>  Fairfax Art League Art and Lunch, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>13</b> Fairfax City Ghost Tour, 7 pm, Old Town Square Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volun- teer Fire Department)  Women in Jazz with Shannon Gunn Sextet CD Release, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	<b>14</b>  Fall Festival, 10 am to 5 pm, Old Town Fairfax Fall Festival Late Night Concert: My Hero Zero, 5:30 pm, Old Town Square Fairfax City Ghost Tour, 7 pm, Old Town Square
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<b>15</b>  Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	<b>16</b>  Final day to register to vote before November 7 General Election Funday Monday, 10:30 am Costume Exchange Drop- Off, 6-9 pm, Sherwood Center School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>17</b>  Story Times, 10:30 am Costume Exchange Drop- Off, 6-9 pm, Sherwood Center Commission for Women, 7 pm, City Hall Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	<b>18</b> Costume Exchange Drop- Off, 6-9 pm, Sherwood Center Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>19</b>  Costume Exchange Drop-Off, 6-9 pm, Sherwood Center Open House: 2035 Comprehensive Plan and Multimodal Transportation Plan, 6-8 pm, Sherwood Center City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting	<b>20</b> Costume Exchange Pick-Up, 6-9 pm, Sherwood Center Sherwood Family Movie Night: Lego Batman Movie, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Fairfax City Ghost Tour, 7 pm, Old Town Square Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volun- teer Fire Department)	<b>21</b>  Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm Crafty Flea Market, 10 am to 2 pm, Sherwood Center Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street Fairfax City Ghost Tour, 7 pm, Old Town Square
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<b>29</b>  Find out first! Find out fast! Enroll today: <a href="http://www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert">www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert</a>	<b>30</b>  Curbside leaf collection begins Trick or Treating in city municipal buildings — see page 6  Funday Monday, 10:30 am Human Services Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall	<b>31</b>  Final day to request an absentee ballot be mailed for the November 7 General Election Halloween: Trick or treating, 6-8 pm	 Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in and around the city. Information: 703-993- 1000, <a href="http://today.gmu.edu">today.gmu.edu</a> .	<b>HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS</b> City Government Information ..... 703-585-7855 City News and Events ..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events ..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center ..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center ..... 703-385-8414 George Mason University Events ..... 703-993-1000 Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.		

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## City Happenings

### Guided History Walking Tour Offered October 7

Take a 90-minute guided tour of Old Town Fairfax. The tour steps off at 10 a.m. October 7 from Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road. Cost is \$10 per person age 13 and older, \$5 for youth age 6-12, or \$25 per family (of three or more). Information: 703-385-8414.

### History Lectures Offered

Learn about *America in World War I* at 2 p.m. October 8 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

Find out about *Col. John S. Mosby's Combat Operations in (Loudoun) County, Virginia* at 2 p.m. October 28 at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

### Bonita Lestina Performance Series Begins October 13

The Bonita Lestina Performance Series opens with *Women in Jazz with Shannon*

*Gunn Sextet CD Release* at 8 p.m. October 13 in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive.

On October 27, *Russkie Musikanti: A Night for Romance* will perform at 8 p.m. in the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway (please note location).

The series continues through April 2018. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Information: 703-352-ARTS.

### Sherwood Cinema Series Continues October 20

Watch *The Lego Batman Movie* for free October 20 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m. and participants may bring their own snacks. From 7-9 p.m., Britepaths accepts donations of non-perishable food items. Information: 703-385-7858.

### 2017 Crafty Flea Market to be Held October 21

Find that special treasure at the Young at Heart Senior Center's 2017 Crafty Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 21 in the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center,

3740 Old Lee Highway. Admission is free.

Treasures may be donated to the center for sale at this event from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays October 2-19 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

Information: 703-273-6097.

### Rock the Block October 27

The final 2017 *Rock the Block* concert is October 27. Information: 703-385-7858.

*Vinyl Invention* will rock Old Town Square from 6:30-9:30 p.m. October 27; please note that University Drive will be closed from 6-10 p.m. between Main Street and North Street that evening.

*Rock the Block After Dark* keeps the party going with discounts at participating eateries via coupons honored 7:30-11 p.m. on the day of the event. Coupons are available at the event, and online via the Fairfax City Economic Development Office website ([www.fairfaxcityeda.org](http://www.fairfaxcityeda.org)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fairfaxcityeda](http://www.facebook.com/fairfaxcityeda)).

